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- On 28 May 1951 General de Lattre asked Dai Viet leaders Le Thang and Phan Huy quat to a private conference in Hanci. De Lattre told both Thang and Quat that he was anxious to secure the support of the Dai Viet and assured them that Vietnam would ultimately gain the independence all have been seeking.
- The Dai Viet party, relatively cohesive up to the present, is now divided into three groups:
 - a. Those in favor of all-out collaboration with the French.
 - Those opposing collaboration or cooperation with either the French or the Tran Van Huu government.
 - Those favoring limited collaboration, but desiring to maintain an independent position in order to remain in contact with non- and anti-Communist nationalists within the Communist-controlled rebel regime. This group urgently wishes to retain the confidence of its non-Communist supporters in the rebel zones.
- It is believed that de Lattre has convinced Le Thang and his supporters of the necessity of cooperation at this time. However, the strong enmity of Tran Van Huu and his close supporters toward the Dai Viet leadership may result in attempts to eliminate key members of the Dai Viet organization despite their clearly anti-Communist attitude and position.

